(a) whether India has decided to lodge a complaint with the United Nations against Pakistan's anti India propaganda through the electronic media;

(b) if so, the follow-up action taken by India's representative at the UN; and

(c) the Council's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Conveying India's views on Kashmir to US

3261. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "U.S. playing Kashmir game again" appearing in the 'Hindu' (Delhi Edition) dated the 8th March, 1992;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether India has drawn pointed attention of the U.S. Government to Pakistan violating the spirit of the Simla Agreement through proterrorist and filagrant military and financial aid to the secessionists in the Valley and Pakistan being engaged in a low-intensity was against India; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the U.S. Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) India has repeatedly drawn the attention of the Government of the United States and other government's to Pakistan's violations of the spirit of the Simla Agreement and its abetment of terrorism in Kashmir. The latest such action taken was during the visit of Foreign Secretary to Washington between 9th and 11th March, 1992.

(d) The US Government's view is that the problem of Kashmir should be sorted out bilaterally between India and Pakistan.

Setting up of Policy Planning Cell in the Ministry of External Affairs

3262. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up policy planning cell in the Ministry of External Affairs;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken to tone up the Foreign Ministries to properly project ever image and view point in various international fora?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The Ministry of External Affairs already has a Policy Planning Division. Its structuring and functions are reviewed from time to time, as required.

(c) The functioning of the Ministry has been and is being strengthened to ensure the furtherance of India's national interests in the political, security, economic, technological and cultural spheres, both bilaterally and through multilateral fora. This process has involved the improvement of the Ministry's resources in terms of personnel as well as material and equipment.

Interview given by Pak High Commissioner on Kashmir

3263. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pakistani High Commissioner in India had in the recent pest given inflamatory interview regarding Kashmir which appeared in the Pioneer of 2nd February 1992;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken at the diplomatic levels in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) These statements are totally unacceptable. Serious objection and concern of the Government over the remarks have been conveyed to the Government of Pakistan.

न्यूयार्क हवाई अड्डे पर प्रधान मंत्री का स्वागत

3264. **श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ शीम अफजल**: क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सुरक्षा परिषद् की बैठक में भाग लेने के लिए भारत के प्रधान मंत्री के न्यूयार्क हवाई अड्डे पर पहुंचने पर उनके स्वागत के लिए अमरीकी सरकार का कोई भी उच्च अधिकारी मौजूद नहीं था ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह नयाचार परम्परा के विरुद्ध है;

(ग) क्या इस के परिणामस्वरूप देश की मान हानि हुई है; और

(घ) इस संबंध में क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं ?

विदेश संराज्य मंत्री (श्री एडुआर्डो फलेरियो) : (क) से (घ) प्रधान मंत्री की न्यूयार्क की यह यात्रा द्विपक्षीय यात्रा नहीं थी । उन्होंने राज्याध्यक्षों/शासनाध्यक्षों के स्तर पर 31 जनवरी, 1992 को संयुक्त राष्ट्र सुरक्षा परिषद् की बैठक में भाग लिया था । जैसा कि दस्तूर है, ऐसे मौकों पर जबकि राज्याध्यक्ष/शासनाध्यक्ष संयुक्त राष्ट्र की किसी बैठक में भाग लेने आ रहे हों तो हवाई अड्डे पर उनकी अगवानी संयुक्त राष्ट्र महासचिव के कार्यालय के नयाचार एवं संपर्क सेवा के अधिकारी करते हैं ।

प्रधान मंत्री की अगवानी नयाचार एवं सम्पर्क सेवा के प्रतिनिधिक एकक के निदेशक ने की थी ।

सुरक्षा परिषद् के इस शिखर सम्मेलन के लिए आने वाले अन्य विशिष्ट व्यक्तियों के लिए भी ऐसा ही नयाचार निभाया गया था ।

Outfit Allowance Admissible to Person posted abroad

3265. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India based employees on being posted abroad are entitled to an outfit allowance for himself and his family at the rate of Rs. 2000-4500; and

(b) whether this and other allowances in general and those relating to Moscow in particular have been/are being reviewed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) India-based employees on being posted to Indian missions or posts abroad are entitled to an outfit allowance ranging from Rs. 2300 to Rs. 6300 for self and family depending upon the grade of the officer.

(b) The rates of outfit allowance are uniform for all missions and posts abroad. There is no proposal to review these rates now.